preparation of a details feasibility report at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.50 Crores for setting up a 500 MW Power Generation Project at Ambaiamugal, Kerala.

Vacant Posts of SC/ST/OBC

3744. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of appointments made in the various Departments/Undertakings under his Ministry during the last three years till date, Post-wise and Category-wise;

(b) the number of posts reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs lying vacant in the entire country under his Ministry Category-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the entire backlog; and

(d) the time by which the backlog is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

New Telephone Exchanges in Assam

3745. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether some of the exchanges in the State are also proposed to be expanded/modernised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise alongwith the estimated cost thereof during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of new telephone exchanges proposed to be commissioned during 1997-98 are given in the Statement I enclosed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) the details have been given in the Statement II enclosed. Total estimated cost of expansions/modernisation is about Rs. 43.78

Statement - I

New Telephone Exchanges proposed to be Commissioned during 1997-98

Sl. No.	District	Location	Capacity	Type
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Barpeta	Barbari	256-P	C-DOT
2.	Barpeta	Belsore	256-P	C-DOT
3.	Barpeta	Morowa	256-P	C-DOT
4.	Bongi	Gaobongai Gaon	256-P	C-DOT
5.	Cachar	Srikona	2000	RLU, E-10B
6.	Cachar	Srikona	256-P	C-DOT
7.	Darrang	Dalgaon	256-P	C-DOT
8.	Dhemaji	Dholpur	256-P	C-DOT
9.	Dhemaji	Baivausha	256-P	C-DOT
10.	Dhubri	Bansbari	256-P	C-DOT
11.	Goalpara	Agia	256-P	C-DOT
12.	Goalpara	Moronai	256-P	C-DOT
13.	Goalpara	Rangiuli	256-P	C-DOT
14.	Golaghat	Chinatoli	256-P	C-DOT
15.	Golaghat	Dhekial	256-P	C-DOT
16.	Golaghat	Naharjan	256-P	C-DOT
17.	Golaghat	Naharjan	256-P	C-DOT
18.	Jorhat	Chinnamara	256-P	C-DOT
19.	Jorhat	Chungi	256-P	C-DOT
20.	Kamrup	Basisth Charial	2000	OCB-RSU
21.	Kamrup	Dispur	2000	OCB-RSU
22.	Kamrup	Kalapahar (GH)	5000	E-103
23.	Kamrup	Panbazar (GH)	4000	OCB-RSU
24.	Kamrup	Uluberi (GH)	3000	OCB-RSU
25.	Karbi	Anglbaithallangshu	256-P	C-DOT
26.	Karbi	Anglkheoni	256-P	C-DOT
27.	Karim Ganj	Karim Ganj	3000	C-DOT
28.	Kokrajhar	Kachugaon	256-P	C-DOT
29.	Morigaon	Bhoragong	256-P	C-DOT

1	2	3	4	5
30.	Morigon	Bhurgondha	256-P	C-DOT
31.	Morigaon	Charaibhai	256-P	C-DOT
32.	Nagaon	Ambagan	256-P	C-DOT
33.	Nagaon	Choudhuri Bazar	256-P	C-DOT
34.	Nagaon	Doomdoomia	256-P	C-DOT
35.	Nagaon	Jhaklabanda	256-P	C-DOT
36.	Nagaon	Kucheri	256-P	C-DOT
37.	Nagaon	Nagoon	3000	C-DOT
38.	Nagaon	Palasoni	256-P	C-DOT
39.	Nagaon	Pathori	256-P	C-DOT
40.	Nagaon	Udali	256-P	C-DOT
41.	Nagaon	Urigaon	256-P	C-DOT
42.	Nalbari	Nusalpur	256-P	C-DOT
43.	Sibsagar	Bihubar	256-P	C-DOT
44.	Sibsagar	Geleki	256-P	C-DOT
45.	Sibsagar	Jajuii	256-P	C-DOT
46.	Sibsagar	Jhangi Jamguri	256-P	C-DOT
47.	Sibsagar	Khonamukh	256-P	C-DOT
48.	Sibsagar	Sibsagar	3000	C-DOT
49.	Sonitpur	Kalabari	256-P	C-DOT
50.	Sonitpur	Nappam	256-P	C-DOT
51.	Sonitpur	Tezpur	4000	E-10B
52.	Tinsukia	Tinsukia	1000	RLU, E-10B

Statement II

A. Proposed Expansions of Telephone Exchanges in Assam 1997-98

Sl. No.	District	Location	Capacity to be added	Type
1.	Barpeta	Howly	256-P	C-DOT
2.	Berpeta	Pathsala	400	C-DOT
3.	Bongaigaon	Nabhayapuri	256-P	C-DOT
4.	Cachar		256-P	C-DOT
5.	Cachar	Borkhola	256-P	C-DOT
6.	Darrang	Udalguri	296	C-DOT
7.	Dhubri	Agomoni	256-P	C-DOT
8.	Dhubri	Bilasipara	256-P	C-DOT
9.	Dhubri	Bogribari	256-P	C-DOT
10.	Dhubri	Gaunpur	256-P	C-DOT
11.	Dibrugarh	Kharupetia	328	C-DOT
12.	Dibrugarh	Moranghat	400	C-DOT
13.	Dibrugarh	Naharkatia	112	C-DOT
14.	Golaghat	Barpathar	256-P	C-DOT
15.	Golaghat	Sarupathar	256-P	C-DOT
16.	Hailakandialgapur		256-P	C-DOT
17.	Hailakandilala		400	C-DOT
18.	Jorhat	Kamalabari	256-P	C-DOT
19.	Kamrup	Panlaazar (GH)	2000	E-10B
20.	Kamrup	Rangia	608	C-DOT
21.	Kamrup	Ulubari	3000	RLU-E-10B
22.	Karimganj	Bazarghat	256-P	C-DOT
23.	Karimganj	Bazric-herra	256-P	C-DOT
24.	Karimganj	Braigram	256-P	C-DOT
25.	Karimganj	Nilambazar	256-P	C-DOT
26.	Morigaon	Moirabari	256-P	C-DOT
27.	Nagaon	Dhing	256-P	C-DOT
28.	Nagaon	Lanka	568	C-DOT
29.	Nagaon	Lumding	568	C-DOT
30.	Nagaon	Purani Godam	256-P	C-DOT
31.	Nalbari	Barama	256-P	C-DOT
32.	North Lakh	Bihpuria	256-P	C-DOT
33.	Sibsagar	Sonari	312	C-DOT
34.	Sonitpur	Dhekiajuli	448	C-DOT
35.	Sonitpur	Gorai Mari	256-P	C-DOT
36.	Tinsukia	Chapakhowa	256-P	C-DOT
37.	Tinsukia	Ledo	256-P	C-DOT

B. Proposed conversion of Electro-Mechanical Exchanges in Assam during 1997-98

Sl. No.	District	Location	Present Exch. Capacity Type	Proposed Capacity Type
1.	Kamrup	Rangia	200 MAX -II	1000 C-DOT
2.	Kamrup	Panbazar (GH)	4800 MAX-I	1000 E-10B Expansion and RLUs

With above conversions, all the telephone exchanges will be electronic.

Operational and Supervisory Manpower at New Delhi Railway Station

3746. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational and supervisory manpower sanctioned and available for maintenance of hygienic, sanitary; and cleanliness jobs at the New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) whether the Government are aware about bad and deplorable hygienic, sanitary and cleanliness conditions at almost all the platforms and on the railway lines of the New Delhi Railway Station; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The position is as given below :

Posts	Sanctioned strength	On roll
Sr. Chief Health Inspector	1	1
Sr. Health inspector	2	2
Health inspector	2	2
Safaiwalas	307	295

(b) and (c) To ensure proper cleanliness of New Delhi station, Commercial supervisors have been nominated and given specific areas for ensuring proper cleanliness of the platforms and railway lines. Divisional officers have been nominated to visit the station and monitor the cleanliness of the platforms and railway lines. A special cleanliness drive has also been launched with effect from 1.8.1997.

Reduction of Share of U.P.

3747. SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH :
SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Uttar Pradesh from Central Sector Power projects of Unchahar Thermal and Narora Atomic Power has been reduced by the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Union Government to restore the original share from the above projects;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also requested the Union Government to give more power from Central Projects; and

(f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Government has decided that power supply to State Electricity Boards from Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) should be against advance payment or irrevocable Letter of Credit (LC). Due to failure on part of UPSEB to raise the Letter of Credit amount commensurate with the energy drawn from CPSUs. even after repeated requests made by the CEA and CPSUs, the allocation of U.P. in Unchahar Thermal Power Station and Narora Atomic Power Station was reduced in accordance to the LC amount.

(e) and (f) Uttar Pradesh has been allocated 15% of power from the unallocated power of the Central Sector Stations in the Northern Region. There has been no request for enhancement from this unallocated quota since then.

Mines closed in Madhya Pradesh

3748. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mines lying closed in Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether the Government have taken any measures to reopen these mines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these mines are likely to be reopened?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d) Mines may have to be closed by the lessee on techno-economic considerations. However, the question of closure of mines recently came up as a sequel to the interim order dated 12.12.96 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 171/96 As per the said order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, all ongoing activity within any forest in any State throughout the country, without the prior approval of the Central Govt., must cease forthwith. As per the information available, one mine was ordered to be